

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Register Now for Fall Pickleball Tournament, Leagues and Clinics

Gaithersburg, MD (August 19, 2019) – Registration is now open for fall Pickleball programs, including instructional clinics, indoor leagues and the Gaithersburg Open Pickleball Tournament. Pickleball, a paddle sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels, is one of the fastest growing activities in the country.

Instructional clinics take place on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for beginners and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for advanced beginners at <u>Diamond Farms Park</u>, 857 Quince Orchard Boulevard. The fall session begins on August 27 and runs for six weeks. Paddles and balls are provided. Fee per person is \$55, \$45 for City of Gaithersburg residents.

The Gaithersburg Open Pickleball Tournament takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8 at <u>Diamond Farms</u>, <u>Morris</u> and <u>Griffith</u> Parks. Divisions include Men's & Women's Doubles on Saturday and Mixed Doubles on Sunday with two levels of self-rated play, Intermediate or Advanced. The cost per player is \$25, \$20 for City of Gaithersburg residents. A \$5 discount is available for those registering for a second event. Each entrant will receive a tournament t-shirt.

The Gaithersburg Pickleball League meets Thursdays, September 19 through November 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the <u>Activity Center at Bohrer Park</u>, 506 South Frederick Avenue. Divisions include Intermediate and Advanced doubles teams. Fee per person is \$40, \$30 for City of Gaithersburg residents. Players must be 18 years or older.

Drop-in Pickleball Play starts September 4 at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park. Open play takes place on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to Noon and Beginners Clinic/Play takes place on Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. followed by Open Play from 10 a.m. to Noon. Staff will be on hand to monitor; playing levels are self-regulated by players. Fee per session is \$4, \$3 for City of Gaithersburg residents. A drop-in pass may be purchased that will give you \$1 off each time you visit.

Due to the popularity of the sport, Pickleball line markings have been added to a number of tennis courts in City parks, Including Diamond Farms Park, Green Park, Malcolm King Park, and Morris Park. Explore the amenities of all of the City's parks on the Parks & Fields page on the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

To register for these programs call Dave Ludington at 301-258-6350 or fill out a registration form here.